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(MIA) FOR CARTILAGE AND BONE REPAIR

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/SPECIES
ELECTION**

In response to the requirement for restriction dated November 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 33 as follows:

33. (Amended) A method of treating or repairing at least one of bone or cartilage in a patient comprising administering an effective amount of a melanoma inhibiting activity factor (MIA) to the patient to repair the bone or cartilage.